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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Very warm weather prevailed during the first half of the week, and seasonably cold weather the latter half. There was much cloudiness the latter half, but the first half was clear. Light to moderate snow fell over the central and eastern portions of the State, but there was no precipitation in the west.

CROPS Reports indicate that winter wheat has shown some response to the high temperatures. There was some blowing of the lighter soils in western Nebraska but, in general, the outlook continues very good. Reports from south central and south eastern counties so far indicate that wheat appears to have withstood the winter better than expected. It is a little early to give anything definite as to the outlook. While precipitation was light so far this winter, it was quite frequent and the surface generally had sufficient moisture.

Farmers are still somewhat confused since the price drop as to future plans. So far, there seems to be a tendency to hold commodities in anticipation of a stronger market. There is still a good local demand for corn for feeding. The plans on future production of livestock are receiving considerable attention in farmers' production plans for the present year. Farm machinery is selling at somewhat lower levels in the auctions and there is more hesitancy in buying. There is still an interest and demand for better oats and barley seed, although, at present, it appears that late seeded wheat may survive better than expected, which would decrease the demand for spring small grain seed.

The marketing of potatoes continues, but at a somewhat slower rate since stocks are getting lower. Marketings to date total 5,500 cars, which is considerably below the total of 7,330 cars marketed to the same date a year earlier. The quantity available for shipment is not nearly as large as it was last year. The slump in the price of beans in the North Platte Valley has slowed marketing.

The planting intentions report on early potatoes indicates a slight decrease. Reports for the group producing the summer potatoes, of which Nebraska is a part, shows a 3% increase. Among this group of States, Missouri shows a fair increase, while a report from Kansas indicates a slight reduction.

LIVESTOCK *1350-2-24-48.* Less hay and forage was necessary with the moderating temperatures. The thaws caused muddy condition of feed lots. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points during January were down 35% and were down about the same number for the eight Corn Belt States. Shipments of sheep and lambs to country points in January were down 41% and for the eight Corn Belt States were down 53%. Completed records of receipts of stocker and feeder cattle for Nebraska for 1947 showed a drop of only 3% and for the eight Corn Belt States, including Nebraska, a drop of 11%. Receipts of sheep and lambs at country points in Nebraska for 1947 showed an increase of 30%, but for the eight Corn Belt States there was a decrease of 4%. There was a decrease in the number of chicks hatched during January in commercial hatcheries in Nebraska, and also for the United States as a whole.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1948

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.24
Lincoln	.18
Norfolk	.05
Omaha	.04

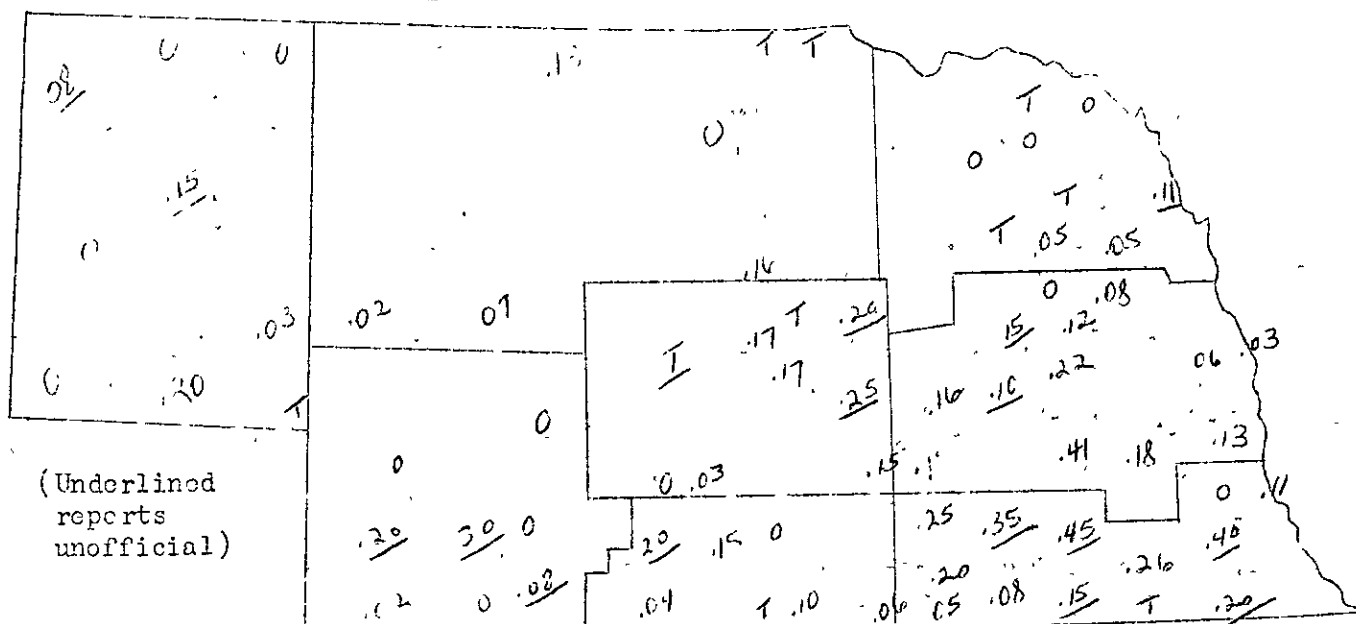
Central Division

Burwell	.16
North Platte	.05
Valentine	.13

Western Division

Chadron	0
Hayes Center	0
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	0

# PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 21 1943



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24-hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Feb.		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	53	34	66	31	67	23	26	11	27	10	45	22	62	32		
	Scottsbluff	57	31	64	28	66	25	46	24	30	11	42	20	60	25		
	Sidney	57	29	63	26	66	25	35	22	--	17	--	11	58	29		
F-C	Burwell	56	28	68	32	71	--	54	13	20	--	23	--	31	27		
	Valentine	56	33	65	31	67	15	47	14	22	9	29	22	44	30		
NE	Norfolk	52	30	--	34	64	--	54	12	22	17	23	18	30	28		
	Sioux City	52	30	59	35	59	24	50	8	22	19	28	20	34	29		
Cen.	Grand Island	55	33	69	35	71	35	49	14	19	11	25	18	34	29		
E-C	Lincoln	54	36	61	39	63	38	52	13	22	16	24	21	35	26		
	Omaha	54	32	62	38	60	39	53	13	24	18	27	20	36	30		
SW	Hayes Center	62	33	69	34	71	33	33	20	28	11	30	19	50	30		
	North Platte	60	25	67	31	69	33	50	20	18	9	26	20	43	29		

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